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For: INK-JET RECORDING METHOD AND DEVICE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2001, for which a one month time extension is requested to extend the period set for response to February 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 7 by replacing them with the like numbered claims hereinbelow. A mark up set of claims is provided at the end of the response to illustrate the changes made herein.

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1. (Amended) An ink jet recording method which receives a command and data which indicate a drawing of a thick line or a filled-in area, analyzes the command and the data by an interpreter, converts vector data of the thick line or the